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1. In July 1950 the Chinese Communists requested a gift of eight submarines from the Soviets in order to strengthen their navy for the Taiwan campaign, but the Soviets have not yet replied. The request was submitted again after the Korean intervention with the statement that they would be willing to return the submarines after the "liberation" of Taiwan. Negotiations with Ambassador Roshchin are now in progress at Peiping. Further efforts are being made by HSIAO Ching-kuang,\* commander of the Chinese Communist Navy, who went to Dairen to expedite the matter with the Soviet commander of the Dairen-Port Arthur area.
2. At some previous date, possibly during the summer of 1950, the Soviets gave the Chinese Communists 50 transport planes to carry combat paratroops. Some of these planes are now at Lanchow, Ch'engtzu, and in the Northeast.
3. For the Taiwan attack the Chinese Communists originally planned to drop paratroops in mountainous areas and on the plain near Chi'ai (120-27, 23-29) for the purpose of cutting lines of communications and disrupting rear areas. In the future campaign against Taiwan the Chinese Communists may commit 5,000 paratroops.

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